

IELTS Speaking Part One errors and questions by topic

Label the Speaking Part One answers below by topic.

- I live in a one room mansion/ I live on the tenth floor of an apartment.
- Yes, it is very convenient.
- I would like to buy my house in the country.
- Not far. I take about half an hour to get here./ Not really. I live in a bed town about one hour from Tokyo.

- I like all kinds, but if I had to choose one genre it would be love comedy.
- I'm really into classic music, especially Mozart./ I'm quite fond of Japanese pops.

- My family is six so I guess you could say that is large./ Actually I have three brothers and sisters, which is quite unusual nowadays in Japan./ No, I am only.
- My father is a salaryman and my mother is just a housewife.

- The most well-known one is sashimi, that is raw fish.
- I have to lose my weight so I try to eat at home instead.
- Not really, but I can make curry rice.

- I have an appointment with my girlfriend./ I will meet my friend./ I want to go to the summer bargain sale in Ginza, which is a famous shopping district./ I will go trip to the seaside with some friends from university.
- Because I am between jobs I have much free time at the moment./ Unfortunately, I don't really have any private time. I often read while I am commuting, though.
- My hobby is history/ My main hobby is climbing a mountain/ My most favourite activity is jogging.
- I went window shopping in a department and then went home for dinner.
- On my holidays I clean my room and do the shopping, and after work I usually eat out./ I often play with my friends./ I love going to theme parks.
- I play catch ball with my son in a park near my house./ I mostly just play TV games.

- I hope the economy will up because unemployment there is quite high.
- As you know, Osaka is the home of takoyaki.
- I'm going back to visit my parents after two weeks./ I don't have any plans to, but maybe six months later during the New Year holiday.
- I born in Yokohama but I was grown up in Gunma Prefecture.

- Not really, I just want to improve my English as possible as I can./ I wish I could study Chinese.
- I study English since I was in junior high school./ I started in my childhood, so more than 15 years.
- I will study in the UK the year after next./ I want to career up.
- I have to speak to foreigners at work.

- Yes. I've been having man to man Chinese lessons for the last few weeks.
- I like playing basket, volley and billiard./ Absolutely! I play sport everytime.
- Yes, I often play jogging/ I've recently started playing judo.
- I do aerobic at my local gym twice a week.

- Only once. I stayed in Edinburgh in England for two weeks./ Yes, I have. I was an exchange student in Canada ten years before.
- Quite a few. I have visited Swiss, Sweden, Russia, Belgie, Czech, Philippine and Deutsch./ When I was very small, I had visited Spain, but I don't remember it very well./ I have ever been to France but nowhere else.
- Not really, but I wish I could travel to abroad in the next few years.
- A fire was occurred in a hotel I stayed in while I was in Spain, but no one was hurt.

- My job is only arbeit now, so I'd like to become full time.
- I am a cashier in a supermarket./ I'm a freshman in Mitsui Bussan./ I am a businessman. I provide customer support./ I'm in charge of inputting data./ I'm taking an MA. My major is politics./ I work as an office lady in a small printing company.
- I'm planning to take a master course from October next year.

- The spell is S,U,Z,U,K,I.
- My name is Suzuki.

Did you notice anything strange about the sentences as you were classifying them?

Correct all the sentences above. Most only have one error.

Brainstorm the questions for those answers.

Ask and answer the same questions (with your own true answers to those questions), switching who is asking the questions after six questions each time.

Suggested answers

Accommodation

- What sort of home do you live in?/ What kind of accommodation do you live in? I live in a studio apartment / I live on the tenth floor of an apartment building.
- Do you like the place where you are living? Yes, it is very convenient for the station.
- Where would you like to live? I would like to buy a house in the country./ I would like to buy my own house in the country.
- Do you live near here? Not far. It takes about half an hour to get here./ Not really. I live in a commuter town about one hour from Tokyo.

Arts and media

- What kinds of movies do you like? I like all kinds, but if I had to choose one genre it would be romantic comedy.
- What type of music do you enjoy most? I'm really into classical music, especially Mozart./ I'm quite fond of Japanese pop (music).

Family and friends

- Do you have a large family? There are six people in my family (plus me/ including me) so I guess you could say that is large./ Actually I have three brothers and sisters, which is quite unusual nowadays in Japan./ No, I am an only child.
- What do your parents do? My father is an office worker and my mother is just a housewife.

Food and drink

- What is the most famous dish from your country? The most well-known one is sashimi, which is raw fish.
- Do you often eat out? I have to lose weight so I try to eat at home instead.
- Can you cook?/ Are you good at cooking? Not really, but I can make curry.

Hobbies and free time

- Do you have any plans for the weekend?/ Do you have any plans for the next public holiday? I have a date with my girlfriend./ I will meet a friend of mine./ I want to go to the summer sales in Ginza, which is a famous shopping district./ I will take a trip to the seaside with some friends from university.
- How much free time do you have? Because I am between jobs I have a lot of free time at the moment./ Unfortunately, I don't really have any time to myself. I often read while I am commuting, though.
- What are your hobbies? I'm interested in history/ My main hobby is climbing mountains/ My favourite activity is jogging.
- What did you do last night? I went window shopping in a department store and then went home for dinner.
- What do you like doing in your free time? On my days off I clean my room and do the shopping, and after work I usually eat out./ I often go out with my friends./ I love going to theme parks.
- What do you usually do in the evening?/ What do you usually do on your days off? I play catch with my son in a park near my house./ I mostly just play video games.

Hometown

- How will your hometown change in the next ten years, do you think? I hope the economy will improve because unemployment there is quite high.

- Is your hometown famous for anything? As you might know, Osaka is the home of takoyaki.
- When are you next going back to your hometown? I'm going back to visit my parents in two weeks./ I don't have any plans to, but maybe in six months during the New Year holiday.
- Where are you from? I was born in Yokohama but I grew up in Gunma Prefecture.

Language studies and IELTS

- Do you want to study any other languages? Not really, I just want to improve my English as much as I can./ I would like to study Chinese.
- How long have you been studying English? I have been studying English since I was in junior high school./ I started when I was a child, so more than 15 years.
- Why are you taking the IELTS exam? I'm going to study in the UK the year after next./ I want to improve my career.
- Why is it important for you to learn English? I have to speak to foreign people at work./ I have to speak to people from other countries at work.
- Have you studied any other languages? Yes. I've been having one to one Chinese lessons for the last few weeks.

Sports and games/ Exercise

- Are you interested in sport? I like playing basketball, volleyball and pool./ Absolutely! I play sport all the time.
- Do you do any sports? Yes, I often go jogging/ I've recently started doing judo.
- What do you do to keep fit? I do aerobics at my local gym twice a week.

Transport and travel

- Have you been to any English speaking countries? Only once. I stayed in Edinburgh in Scotland for two weeks./ Yes, I have. I was an exchange student in Canada ten years ago.
- Have you been to many foreign countries? Quite a few. I have visited Switzerland, Sweden, Russia, Belgium, The Czech Republic, The Philippines and Germany./ When I was very small, I visited Spain, but I don't remember it very well./ I have been to France but nowhere else.
- Do you have any plans to travel? Not really, but I would like to travel to abroad in the next few years.
- Have you had any bad experiences while travelling abroad? A fire occurred in a hotel I stayed in while I was in Spain, but no one was hurt.

Work and studies

- Do you think you will change your job? My job is only temporary now, so I'd like to get a permanent job.
- Are you working or are you a student?/ What do you do? I am a cashier in a supermarket./ I'm a new recruit in Mitsui Bussan./ I am an office worker. I provide customer support./ I have to input data./ I'm taking an MA on politics./ I work as an office worker in a small printing company.
- Is there anything you'd like to study in the future? I'm planning to take a master's course from October next year.

Name

- Can you spell your name for me? It's spelt S,U,Z,U,K,I.
- Can I just check your name? My family name is Suzuki and my first name is...